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Located at 131-135 West Washington Street in Hagerstown, Washington County, the Miller House stands on the south side of the street near the center of the block formed by Summit Avenue and Prospect Street.

The Miller House is a circa 1820's brick neoclassical style townhouse which is two and one-half storeys in height and rests on a high cut stone foundation. The house is basically rectangular in shape with an ell or wing projecting from the back or south side and a one bay addition, built circa 1915, attached to the east side. The main section of the house has a metal-covered gable roof which extends over the east addition and internal double-end chimneys on the east and west walls. The west wall extends above the roofline forming a parapet.

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The first and second floor windows have double-hung wooden sashes with six-over-six lights and narrow frames molded in an ovolo or convex manner. Each of these windows have stone, probably marble, sills and lintels and are flanked by exterior shutters. The shutters on the first floor windows have three solid panels each while those of the second story windows are louvered. The basement windows have double-hung wooden sashes with three-over-three lights.

The main entranceway has a molded stone, probably marble, lintel, a rectangular transom with geometric tracery, and double wooden doors with three panels each.

The back or south side of the main section has a tripartite window on the first floor looking onto the garden. The wing, which abuts the west property line, has a shed roof sloping downward in an easterly direction. A portion of the wing is thought by many to date from an earlier period. The east wall of the wing has a series of double-hung wooden sash windows with nine-over-six lights and narrow frames with a bead.

Regarding the interior of the Miller House, the floor plan is essentially the same on the first and second floors. The main section of the house has two rooms and a passage on each level. The woodwork of the principal rooms is double-faced architrave molding with a pronounced round bead at the outer edge. Most of the doors have six raised panels. Each of the two parlors on the first floor has dark marble mantels with little embellishment other than reeding and fluting.

The most elaborate interior area is the entrance hall which has a cantilevered, rounded staircase which is open to the top floor. The staircase has open-string stairs and scroll brackets. The balustrade consists of a round handrail and round baluster and terminates in a twist around the newel. The hall is divided into two sections by an archway with fluted round pilasters. Entrance to the second story of the wing is gained by a small set of steps rising from the rounded section of the main staircase.

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An early twentieth century photograph of the house, owned by the Historical Society and identified as the house when Dr. Miller purchased it in 1912, shows that the principal or street facade has been changed little except for the alterations noted above. Another area of possible alteration is the flooring of the principal interior rooms which are covered with narrow boards.

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The Washington County Historical Society acquired the house in 1966 from the Miller family through donation and purchase. Named in honor of Dr. Miller, the Miller House is now used by the Society for its office, library, and museum.

The house stands on the westerly half of Lot No. 91 of the original plat of Hagerstown. Peter Bell purchased the half-lot in 1802 for £300. (Deed Book O, p. 481.) Bell and his sons operated a pottery on this site well into the first quarter of the 1800's when the property was sold for payment of debts. It is traditionally said that a section of the Bell House is included in the present back wing of the Miller House.

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#7. DESCRIPTION continued

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The house stands on the westerly half of Lot No. 91 of the original plat of Hagerstown. Peter Bell purchased the half-lot in 1802 for £300. (Deed Book O, p. 481.) Bell and his sons operated a pottery on this site well into the first quarter of the 1800s when the property was sold for payment of debts. It is traditionally said that a section of the Bell house is included in the present back wing of the Miller House.

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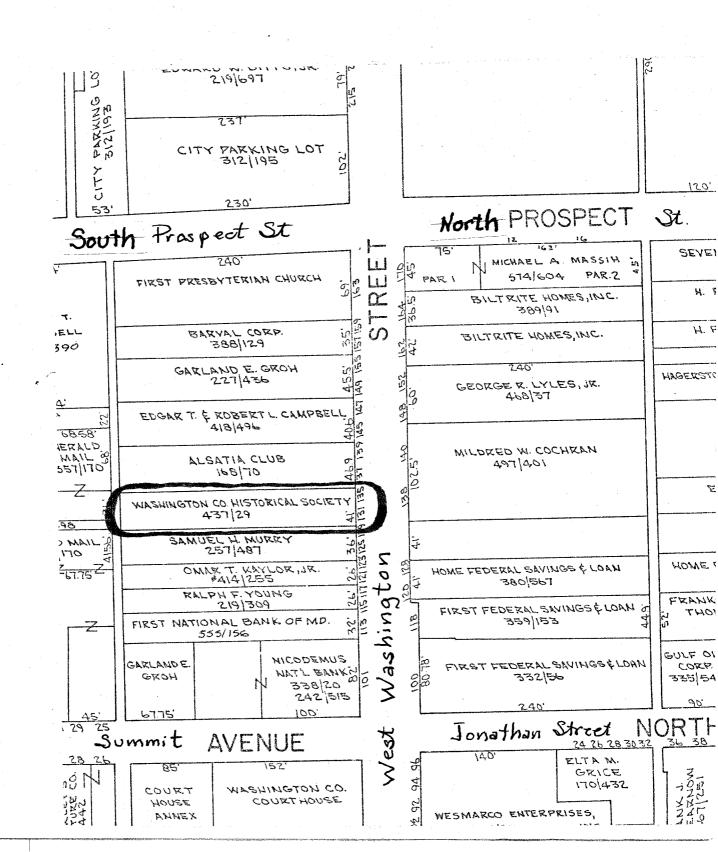
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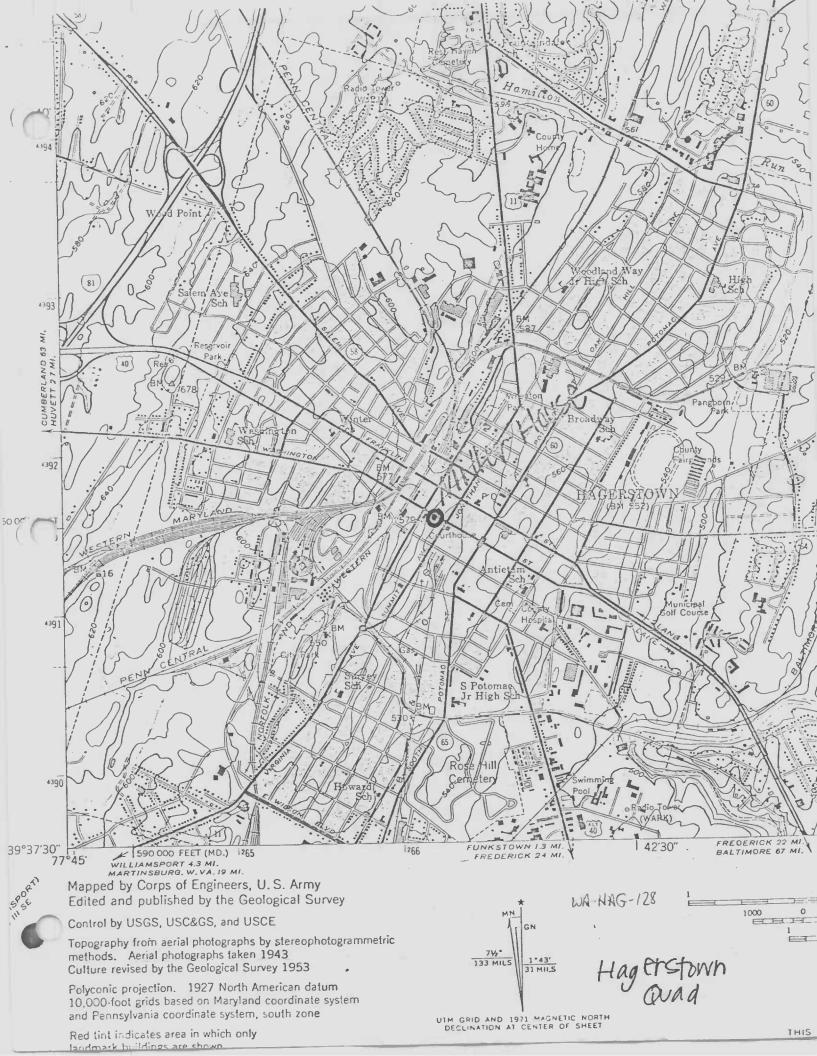
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